

Panel aiding start of syringe services programs to hold its third meeting

As part of his response to the opioid epidemic, Governor Larry Hogan signed SB97, Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs, on May 10, 2016. The law came into effect October 1, 2016.

The statute called for the establishment of a Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) to provide technical assistance to syringe services programs. **The Syringe Services Program Standing Advisory Committee will hold its third meeting on Monday, May 8, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, at 500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.** The office is located across from the Baltimore Sun building and within blocks of Mercy Hospital. The meeting will be held in the 5th Floor Large Conference room. **Please bring a current photo I.D. to gain access to the building and use the Calvert Street entrance.**

This meeting is open to the public.

The third meeting will include:

- Updates on efforts to expand access to sterile syringes
- A presentation from Delegate Clarence Lam on relevant bills from the previous legislative session
- A presentation by Clay Stamp, Director of the Opioid Overdose Command Center
- A presentation by Daniel Atzmon and Captain James Rhoden on Baltimore's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program
- A chance for Committee Members to share what they bring to the group
- An opportunity for public comment
- Light refreshments and a chance to network in the half hour before the meeting is called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Any questions should be directed to Andrew Bell, Syringe Services Program Coordinator, reachable at 410-767-1098 (office) or 202-957-7311 (cell) or e-mail Andrew.Bell@maryland.gov.

Parking Info:

Metered street parking; 2-hour limit, aggressively enforced.

No parking on Centre Street after 4PM; parking allowed on Calvert Street throughout the day. Meters accept credit cards and change, no paper bills.

Parking garages/lots

Baltimore Sun Chesapeake Center
601 N. Calvert Street
Entrance is on Monument Street. Turn right at Monument from northbound Calvert Street.
\$8 up to 2 hours; \$10 maximum

Fallsway Parking (Edison Parkfast)
545 N. High Street
3 blocks east of meeting location.
\$4 up to 2 hours; \$5.50 maximum

Public Transportation:

PHPA is served by the following bus lines:
35, 120 (Calvert St);
61, 64, (Saint Paul St)

The nearest Metro Station is Charles Center (7 blocks South) and the nearest Light Rail station is Centre Street (8 blocks West).